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Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Judd Gregg  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, State and the Judiciary  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) report on the status of the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP) as requested in the Conference Report accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (H. Rpt. 108-10).

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The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings  
Ranking Minority Member  
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